

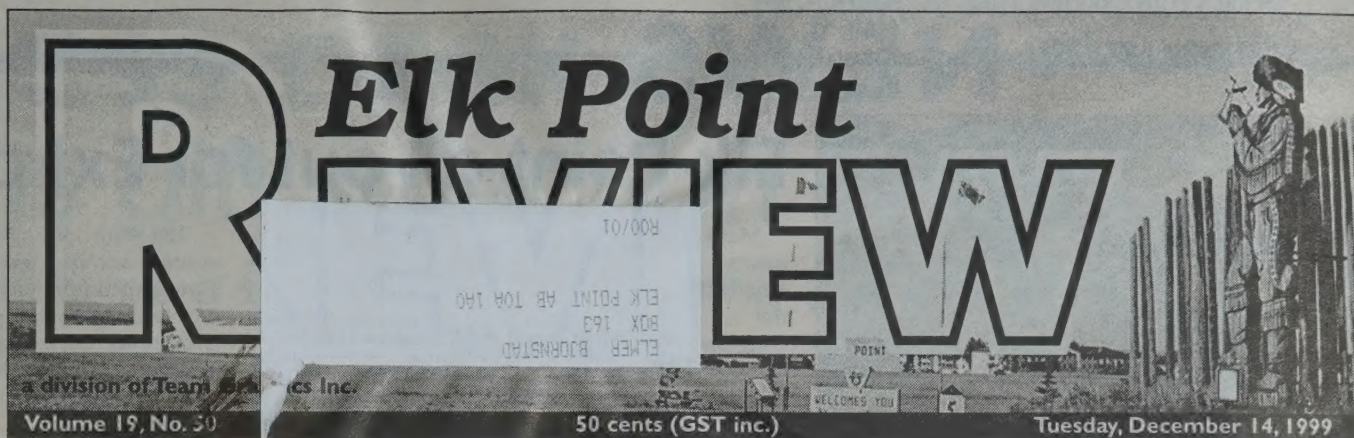
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STEAMING HOT CHOCOLATE ON A CRISP WINTER'S NIGHT -- What more could a young fellow want? This young Extravaganza shopper was warmly dressed and ready to enjoy every minute of Elk Point's annual pre-Christmas evening of fun and frolic.

Elk Point goes all out for Extravaganza

A balmy evening, with music floating on the air, brightly colored lights from end to end of Main Street, a crackling bonfire and the laughter of delighted children. The comforting warmth of hot chocolate, the cosy atmosphere of a sheltered stable of animals, the bustle of shoppers intent on finishing off their Christmas lists. The rattle of a spinning game wheel and a quiet pause to glimpse the talent of the young artists who created gingerbread houses and submitted coloring contest entries. Two immense Christmas trees festooned with lights as a backdrop for all the action, at the south end of Main Street. All that and more was Christmas Extravaganza '99, the biggest and best Extravaganza of the century.

New this year was a display of exotic animals and petting zoo, with alpacas provided by Orest and Barb Yopyk, Raymond and Lavina Ewasiuk, a miniature donkey from the collection of Ron and Sue Heraid, a Barbados hair sheep from Gary and Marilee Czerkawski, a Charolais calf provided by Harvey and Elaine Aarbo, and kittens owned by Mitch and Val Goulet. A steady stream of visitors enjoyed learning more about the unusual animals, feeding the sheep and visiting the friendly beasts.

A spotlighted stage at the corner of 50th Avenue and 50th Street was the focal point for the young crowd, as they enjoyed the music of the talented local musicians of "Who's Your Daddy?" throughout the evening. The band's "Sweet Home Alberta" was a special hit with many enthusiastic listeners.

Fortified with hot chocolate and hot dogs served up by the Scouting Association, youngsters and a few adults piled aboard a big wagon for a tour of the town piloted by Ollie Fedorus on his antique tractor. Fedorus made countless journeys around his route during the evening.

Then it was time for a chat with Santa, who carried a seemingly bottomless sack of candy canes, a stop by the fire to visit with friends and neighbors and a stop in the Co-op to check out the Coloring Contest entries, which will be judged this week.

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■ Chamber of Commerce

Many winners at Extravaganza

Elk Point Lions Club spearheaded a 50-50 draw during Extravaganza for the Zarowny Fire Fund, with "Big Ray" Danyluk, 50-50 seller extraordinaire, filling a huge bucket with ticket stubs from his endeavors throughout the evening. The winning ticket drawn at 11 p.m. was green in color, number 233502. If you have that ticket, please call Vicki at 724-4087 to collect your prize. If no winner comes forward by noon Friday, another ticket will be drawn, so please do not destroy your ticket stubs.

Other draws at the end of the evening included the draw for the Home Fitness Centre which was donated by Elk

Point CoOp, and which was a fundraiser for several local clubs. Lucky winner was Isabel Myshaniuk.

The Extravaganza Secret Shopper toured the participating businesses during the evening, and handed out Elk Point Bucks to a number of lucky shoppers. Winners and the stores they won in included: Sandy Munday (Kuhn's Collectibles), Wanda Moosewah (Kelly's Closet), Doris Wilson (Next Page Book Store), Glenn Flanders (Elk Point Review), Rob Vankosky (Hillside Service), Juanita Prosser (Northbound 41), Shaina Gadowski (Stems 'N' Stuff), Kevin Hardcastle (Ace

Pizza), Lana MacDonald (Elk Point Co-op), Joyce Delorme (Capitol Drugs), Sid Boucher (Home Town Grocers), Edwin and Carole Kulczycki (Footprints), Glenn Flanders (Elk Point Pharmacy), Tim Smereka (Woody's Trophy and Gifts), Ed Yarmuch (Cal's Home Hardware) and Michelle Dargis (Stedna's).

A number of in-store draws and door prize draws were also made, with all entries later going to the Co-op for the major draw at the end of the evening, for a weekend at West Edmonton Mall, which went to John Capjack.

Watch for a list of other prize winners in next week's issue.

Rural residents now included in light judging

Rural residents with impressive Christmas light displays are being sought as candidates for a new category in the Chamber of Commerce Lighting and Decorating Contest.

While no entry is required for homes or businesses in town, rural residents are asked to register for judging so judges can formulate a route for their deliberations. You may register your own home or another rural residence which you think is worthy of being in the contest, by phoning the Chamber of Commerce at 724-2210 by Friday, December 17 at 4 p.m.

Judging of in-town residential lighting displays has been tentatively scheduled for the evening of Monday, December 20. Businesses will be judged at the end of this week.

Light up and look great for Christmas, everyone!

community NEWS



FIRST CUSTOMER FOR NEW STORE -- Paul Chamberland (second from right) was the first customer for Elk Point's newest business. Nigel Lafrance and Kandus Efford of K & N Liquor Store on Highway 41 and 49th Ave. proudly presented their first customer with a bottle of Christmas cheer, while Chamber of Commerce President Vic Stepa congratulated the new entrepreneurs.

And the Winner Is ...

Congratulations to John Capjack

WINNER OF THE WEEKEND AT
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EXTENDS MANY THANKS TO:

* Glenn Harms and ReMax for bringing in the band, suggesting and setting up the Petting Zoo and helping to decorate the big trees, Russ Hebblethwaite, Lyle Frisby and Tarsands for the stage.

* Orest & Barb Yopyk, Raymond & Levina Ewasiuk, Ron & Sue Heraid, Gary & Marilee Czerkowski, Harvey & Elaine Aarbo, Mitch & Val Goulet for providing the animals, and all the helpers who assisted with setting up the tent, shelter and corrals for the Petting Zoo.

* Danielle Brown for suggesting and organizing the Spin the Wheel, with proceeds to Santa's Anonymous

* "Big Ray" Danyluk for selling two miles of 50-50 tickets for the Zarowny Fire Fund.

* Lesia Porcina for spearheading the craft sale

* Ollie Fedorus for the wagon rides and the volunteer supervisors

* Elk Point Volunteer Firefighters for minding the bonfire all evening

* The Town of Elk Point for supplying barricades, fire ring and fireplace, pickup and delivery

* Santa for coming all the way from the North Pole to see us

* Radio CHLW for spreading the news about Extravaganza and for bringing "Flirting or Hurting" to town.

* Sherry Oszust for spearheading the Extravaganza planning.

* All who helped with 1001 Extravaganza details

And to our sponsors whose names didn't make it into the flyer:

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Thanks to all those who took part in the Extravaganza, purchased tickets and helped the Chamber make this the biggest and best Extravaganza ever!

Elk Point all out for Extravaganza

Many took the side trip down past AltaGas, where the winners from the inaugural Gingerbread House Contest were proudly displayed. Ashley and Terry Hebblethwaite's candy-topped home placed first to win a gift certificate from Golden

Loaf Bakery, while a gingerbread nativity scene created by Amy Ockerman with help from her family was second and Jeffrey Huseby's classic gingerbread house was third. Judge Harold Poulin said all entries were "very well executed and meaningful."

The Spin the Wheel contest, another new feature located in the former Macleods store, gave away everything from a gas barbecue and a dozen roses to ball caps and coffee mugs, while raising a total of \$315 for Santas Anonymous. The contest was the focal point of a busy craft show, which

offered intricate woodwork creations, hand-made teddy bears, crochet and confections, and even some exquisitely detailed etchings.

Across the street was another fundraiser for Santas Anonymous, the giant Christmas card created and manned annually by the Lions Club.



BEAR HUGS, ALPACA KISSES AND SHEEP SNUGGLES were a part of Extravaganza, where the Czerkowski family's exotic sheep and alpacas owned by the Yopyk family were part of the petting zoo and Pat Swedgan's cuddly bears were featured at the Craft Sale. More photos on Page 8.



CRIME STOPPERS

By Cst. Simon Cote
Elk Point RCMP

Sometime between November 27 and November 28, an unknown number of culprits went onto an oil patch site near Fishing Lake and stole numerous tools from a tool box mounted on a pickup truck. Items stolen were all sorts of wrenches, socket sets, hammers and gauges. They also stole the CB radio from the truck.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIPS (8477) or the Elk Point RCMP Detachment.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this or any other crime. You do not have to reveal your identity and if your tip leads to an arrest you qualify for an award.

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from the ~~FCSS~~ DESK

It is gift selection time!

Gifts are a symbol of sharing, caring and love

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

It is the middle of December and how are you all doing with finding all the "right" gifts for everyone on your list?

Christmas is definitely a gift-giving time. It all started at the birth of Christ when the wise men brought Christ their gifts. So today, we do the same thing with each other. Gift giving is symbolic with the sharing of caring and love.

Speaking of gift giving, Bennet Cerf relates this touching story about a

bus that was bumping along a back road in the south. In one seat a wispy old man sat holding a bunch of fresh flowers. Across the aisle sat a young girl whose eyes came back again and again to the man's flowers. The time came for the old man to get off. Impulsively he thrust the flowers into the girl's lap. "I can see you love the flowers," he explained, "and I think my wife would like for you to have them. I'll tell her I gave them to you." The girl accepted the flowers, then watched the old man

get off the bus and walk through the gate of a small cemetery.

I like that story because it reminds me of how we give gifts to each other. We not only give gifts when we purchase something for someone, we give gifts to another person when we show them acts of kindness in any way.

Showing kindness, acting friendly, or just smiling at other people are all gift giving acts. Speaking of kind acts, there is a Thanksgiving Day editorial in a newspaper which told of a school teacher

who asked her class of first graders to draw a picture of something they were thankful for. She thought how little these children from poor neighborhoods actually had to be thankful for. But she knew that most of them would draw pictures of turkeys or tables with food. The teacher was taken aback with the picture Douglas handed in... a simple, childish drawn hand.

But whose hand? The class was captivated by the abstract image. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us

food," said one child. "A farmer," said another, "because he grows the turkeys." Finally, when the others were at work, the teacher bent over Douglas's desk and asked whose hand it was. "It's your hand, Teacher," he mumbled.

She recalled that frequently at recess she had taken Douglas, a scrubby, forlorn child, by the hand. She often did that with the children. But it

meant so much to Douglas. Perhaps this was everyone's Thanksgiving, not for the material things given to us but for the chance, in whatever small way, to give to others.

As you look for the "right" gift this Christmas season, may these two stories help you to stay focused on what you purchased for each other.

'Getting Linked' in the Lakeland

By Betty Gray
Action for Health

Sally wants to dance and Joey is all fired up about Tae Kwon Do. Mom wants to continue her community work and Dad would be lost without his business contacts. The family likes to do things together, too, like cross-country skiing, taking in a hockey game or going for a swim. This family knows that keeping active during the winter promotes good mental and physical health. It makes the winter go faster and it's loads of fun.

Some people think that when you live in a rural community there isn't much to do, but finding something to do is as easy

as taking a stroll through the crisp pages of the Lakeland Link, our regional community services directory. Over 2400 listings, where you can find information about recreational, arts and cultural groups, schools, churches, business associations, and community service associations — all listed in one convenient location, for all the communities in the Lakeland.

Information about the full array of social and health services in the region is at your fingertips. In addition, you will find information about federal, provincial, municipal and local government services. The Lakeland Link is a one-

stop shopping centre and it's an invaluable resource for the people who live here.

The public can access the directory at the offices and service centres of the project partners: Lakeland Regional Health Authority, Lakeland Mental Health Services, and Sakaigun Asky Child and Family Services. In addition, the directory is available at public libraries, town offices, Family and Community Support Services, Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, Social Services, Aboriginal administration and Canadian Native Friendship Centres.

If you're looking for information about community services, or maybe just looking for something to do, the Lakeland Link has got the answers. Celebrate the new millennium by "Getting Linked."

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UKRAINIAN DANCERS THANK CO-OP

Elk Point & District Ukrainian Dance Club would like to thank the Elk Point Co-op on the generous opportunity they gave us and four other clubs to do some fundraising. The tickets sold themselves for the great "Home Fitness Center". Congratulations to the Lucky Winner. Best to all during this joyous season.

Elk Point REVIEW

VIEWPOINTS



DR. EVANGELINE MUNNS, PhD, CPsych, formerly Evangeline Scraba of Elk Point, recently received an award for her outstanding contribution to the field of Play Therapy in Canada.

Former Elk Point resident receives award

The daughter of a longtime Elk Point family has been presented with a prestigious award in eastern Canada.

Evangeline Munns, PhD, CPsych is the daughter of the late Nick and Vera Scraba, who came to Elk Point 65 years ago and raised their family of seven there. She is the sister of Jean Edwards, Diana Anderson and Lois Sheplaw, who all still live in the Elk Point area.

Dr. Munns recently received an award from the Canadian Association for Child and Play Therapy for "making an outstanding contribution to the field of Play Therapy in Canada."

After graduating from high school in Elk Point, Dr. Munns attended the University of Alberta where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree with Honors in Experimental Psychology. Later she received a Masters in Clinical Psychology from the University of Toronto and a PhD in Clinical Psychology from York University in Toronto. She is currently the Clinical Director of Play Therapy Services in a children's mental health agency called Blue Hills Child and Family Services in Aurora, Ontario. There, she directs the largest training school in Canada in Theraplay and non-directive Play Therapy. She has given workshops on these topics across Canada and in the US, and will soon see a book she has co-written and edited in part come out in print. Dr. Munns is also on the ethics committee and the certification committee of the Canadian Association of Child and Play Therapists, and is involved in a research project which includes supervising and training play therapists over the internet, although she says she is "not very knowledgeable" about the internet.

She and her husband Tom Munns live in King City, Ontario and have one daughter, Catherine, who is currently working in the Yukon. Dr. Munns has lived in Ontario for the past 36 years, but says "I still regard myself as an Albertan." A lady of many and varied talents, she is also a painter, and recently gave a show of her art in King City.

■ Nutrition Notes

Broccoli today pays off tomorrow

By Liz Pearson
Registered Dietician

If you get your child to eat their vegetables and fruit today, will it make a difference in their health tomorrow? The answer appears to be a resounding "Yes." More and more studies show that what a child eats today provides not only immediate benefits, but also serves as an investment in their future health and quality of life. For example, research shows that young children can develop early signs of heart disease when risk factors such as obesity, high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol are present. These risk factors are often the result of poor eating habits adopted early in life. That's why childhood is such an important time for forming life-long healthy eating patterns. This includes getting kids to enjoy vegetables and fruit, which at times, can be a frustrating experience for some parents. The good news is, help is on the way.

The Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Produce Marketing Association have recently joined forces. Their goal is to help reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke and cancer by encouraging all Canadians to eat at least 5 servings of vegetables or fruit each day, as part of a healthy diet and lifestyle. Their new informative and interactive web site at www.5to10aday.com is filled with lots of great tips and recipe ideas for both adults and children. Printed material is also available by calling 1-888-939-3333. In the meantime, here are ten tips to get your kids on the healthy eating road of vegetables and fruit.

Ten tips for getting kids to say "YES to vegetables and fruit"

1. Don't be overwhelmed. Getting your kids to eat at least 5 servings of vegetables or fruit each day is easier than you think - especially when you understand what counts as one serving. For children, one serving is equal to 1/2 to 1 medium size vegetable or fruit, or 1/4 to 1/2 cup of vegetables or fruit (fresh, frozen or canned) or 1/2 to 1 cup of salad, or 1/4 to 1/2 cup of juice. Generally as children get older they eat larger serving sizes. Many preschool children, for example, are happy eating just half of a banana, while most school age

kids will choose to eat the whole banana.

2. Make mealtime a happy time. Make meals something for your kids to look forward to. The best way to achieve this is by serving a variety of tasty, healthy foods at regular meal and snack times. Once the food is served (now, this is the tough part) sit back and relax. Let your children decide what and how much they eat - no pushing, no prodding, no "eat all your broccoli" rules from you. The more positive and relaxed the environment, the more food your kids are likely to eat.

3. Eat with them. Your presence at the table means a lot to children. Even if you're not eating, if you sit with them, they're more likely to eat. Have your children eat at the table, not in front of the TV or while they run around. It's important for kids to focus on their meal and to think of mealtime as the time to eat.



4. Try and try again. It takes a significant amount of time for most kids to accept a new food. Research shows that many children must be exposed to (and ideally to taste) a new food 5 to 10 times before accepting it. Serve new vegetables and fruit on a regular basis. Encourage, but don't force, your kids to try at least a nibble of any new food offered. To increase enthusiasm for new foods, get your kids involved in shopping, cooking or preparation whenever possible.

5. Taste rules. Kids don't eat something because it's good for them. They eat it because it tastes good. Prepare vegetables and fruits with flavors kids enjoy. Most kids like mild and sweet flavors. A great way to enhance the taste of vegetables, for example, is with a touch of sugar. Glazed carrots are a great option and a drizzle of maple syrup makes squash especially tasty.

6. Keep it small. Kids feel overwhelmed when they are served adult size portions. Keep the serving sizes small and let your children ask for more. When it comes to a new fruit or vegetable, serve just a teaspoon or two to make it seem less intimidating.

7. No bribes. Do you tell

your children they can watch TV or have dessert if they eat their broccoli? This approach works only in the short term. When you offer kids rewards for eating a certain food, the food eaten to obtain the reward becomes less preferred. Kids start to think of these foods as "bad" foods or a form of punishment and are more resistant to eat them the next time they are offered.

8. Get dipping. Vegetables, fruit, dips and kids - what a happy combination. Most kids will eat most anything if there's a dip to go with it. Serve baby carrots or red pepper sticks with a ready-made salad dressing. Allow kids to dip cooked vegetables in plum sauce, applesauce or ketchup. Serve fruit like strawberries, apple or banana slices with fruit-flavored yogurt, cream cheese or chocolate pudding. And don't forget sauces - a little bit of cheese sauce on most vegetables increases their appeal significantly.

9. Make it easy, fun and readily available. Some kids wouldn't think of chomping into a pear, but will happily eat it peeled and sliced - add a few sprinkles and it becomes a true delight. Serve vegetables and fruit chopped or sliced whenever possible. Always keep a fruit bowl in sight and in reach. Be creative. Make kebabs by putting chunks of vegetables or fruit on a skewer. Add fruit cocktail to jello molds. Serve fruit with frozen yogurt. Most important, don't forget to eliminate the competition. If your cupboards are filled with cookies and potato chips, the vegetables and fruit are more likely to go untouched.

10. Don't cook. Do your kids prefer raw carrots to cooked carrots? Most do. Many kids will even eat a frozen pea before a cooked one. That's OK. While it's a good idea to get kids used to eating vegetables served in a variety of ways, serving them raw on a regular basis is a good strategy for success.

Bonus tip - Hit hunger times. Make it a habit to offer your children vegetables and fruit when they're most hungry. Many parents offer kids vegetables only at suppertime - a time when many young children are more tired than hungry. Offer fruit or veggies with a dip as a pre-dinner snack or right when the kids get home from school.

Liz Pearson, Registered Dietician is the author of the book "When in doubt, eat broccoli! But leave some room for chocolate."

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community NEWS

Christian Community Church welcomes in the 1999 concert season

Concert season in Elk Point arrived Sunday night, when the Christian Community Church presented their annual Christmas Concert to a packed house.

"The First Noel" by the congregation opened the evening, then Rev. Sam Donaldson welcomed parishoners and visitors, and offered an opening prayer.

Soloist Kerri Anderson related "The Greatest

Story Ever Told" and sang of "Mary's Boy Child."

The eight member children's choir performed twice during the evening, with "O Sing All Ye Children" and later, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and "Happy Birthday, Jesus," accompanied by Jodi Vogel.

Andy Pearson added a nostalgic country note with Jim Reeves' "An Old Christmas Card" and

"No Stranger In Your Home."

Youth choir members Laryssa Cochrane, with "Joy to the World," and Sage Lowry and Cassy Cochrane with "C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S" performed before and after Norm Brown, with "O Christmas Tree" in English and its original German, and as a special treat for Rev. Sam, "Christmas In Killarney." Jessica Chartrand

added the lovely "O Holy Night," while Liz White on organ and Doreen Youngmans on autoharp offered "Silent Night" and "Star of the East."

Associate Pastor Dick Upham sang an old traditional carol, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," while much newer music came from the Heinsburg based trio of Grace Meger, Henry Botting and Vernon "Babe" Sharkey, with "Shake Me, I Rattle," "Silver Bells" and Mrs. Meger's original composition, "Home in the Laurier Lake Pines."

The adult choir's version of "Silent Night" began a wonderful presentation that continued with a tiny girl's rendition of "Away in a Manger," the gospel story of the birth of Jesus read by Sherry Smith, readings of "A Christmas Guest" and "Ready for Christmas" by Sue Bykowski, "O Come All Ye Faithful" in English, Latin and French by Harvey Nadeau and Andy Tardiiff, a calypso-style Christmas song, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men," and wrapping up the evening, "When a Child is Born" and "Joy to the World" by the choir.



THE YOUTH CHOIR entertained with three numbers, with one member offering a solo and two a duet to round out the program.



SWEET HARMONY in a Christmas theme was provided by the adult choir, made up of (left to right) Andy Tardiiff, Carol Brown, Henry Botting, Norm Brown, Harvey Nadeau, Liz White and Doreen Youngmans.

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From the Students and Staff
of the Elk Point Elementary

community NEWS

Book fair, craft sale a big success

By Leanne Wilson
Student Journalist

Hello from F. G. Miller High School. On November 27, 1999, the Crusaders held their eighth Annual Craft Sale and Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to the following crafters who purchased tables: Carol Hellquist and Sharon Kuhn, Connie Landsiedel, Debbie Gulayec, Carrie Becker, Darlene Harper, Jenny Sept, Erin Mohyluk, Donna Gulayec, Baba's Kitchen (Mary J. Bepalko and Peggy Smereka), Denise Smereka, and the Egypt Travel Club.

The Scholastic Book Fair sales totalled \$1444.64. The R. E. Beattie Library received \$301.80 profit in books and \$184.98 cash profit. This profit will be used to purchase books and materials for the library, as well as curriculum support

materials for the I.O.P. programs and regular classroom support materials.

The winner of the \$25 worth of free books was Christina Dearden and Kristen Weir took home the Millennium Time Capsule.

Ms Smereka would like to thank Michelle Z., John S., Selena D. and Tammy Z. for their help in setting up the book fair. Special thanks to Mrs. Makowecki for promoting the fair at the Elementary School and to Mrs. Gratton for bringing her class to visit the fair. Also, thanks to Elaine Bjorkman, Colin Bjorkman and Courtenay Maksymec for their help with the event. Thanks to Mrs. Gulayec for coordinating the event and to all the Crusaders, their families, and friends who came out and supported the sale.

Well, the Grade 10 CALM class now knows how to budget and invest their money wisely. CALM (Career and Life Management) is a Grade 10 course where students gain knowledge and learn skills for adult, independent life. As part of the course, Ron Boisvert and Alice Bourget from the Servus Credit Union taught Grade 10s a little about financial management. Ms Bourget talked about budgeting and helped the students make a budget for the month of November. (I have to mention that many students ended up in the hole but soon straightened it out). Mr. Boisvert discussed different types of investment plans and gave advice for wise investments. We thank Ms Bourget and Mr. Boisvert for taking time to come talk to the stu-

dents. Financial management is a very important aspect of life and I'm sure many of the students will find their new knowledge very beneficial.

Another guest speaker came to talk to the CALM students about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. The speaker talked from personal experience of having a boy with FAS. Her story touched the students and made an impact about how serious the consequences of alcohol abuse can be.

Note: In the Operation Christmas Child article in the Elk Point Review, Alyssa Fry's name was left out. Our apologies and thank you for your contribution. I would also like to thank Ms. Smereka for contributing the book fair article.

Well, that's all from the halls of F. G. Miller for this week.

Christmas Calendar

For the next few weeks, Elk Point and surrounding districts will be a beehive of pre-Christmas activity. Here are just some of the events coming up in the near future:

Wednesday, Dec. 15 and Friday, Dec. 17 - Elk Point Community Choir Concerts, 7:30 p.m., Elk Point Elementary School Gym

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Elks Hockey, A. G. Ross Arena, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Elk Point Baptist Church Sunday School Concert 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 19 - Interfaith Christmas Cantata, Elk Point United Church, 7 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 20 and 21 - Elk Point Elementary School Christmas Concerts, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25 - CHRISTMAS

Friday, Dec. 31 - First Night Festival

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Big savings for Albertans

Alberta's tax system is changing. By January 2001, Albertans will pay a total of \$600 million less in income tax a year.

- Starting January 2000, Albertans who have been paying the 8% deficit elimination surtax (those who make more than \$47,000) will no longer have to.
- In January 2001, Alberta will unhook from the federal income tax system and move to its own single rate tax on income. The rate will be 11% (on taxable income only) so tax brackets and the costs that come with them will be a thing of the past – at least on provincial income taxes. The federal government will still use tax brackets to calculate your federal income taxes. The move also means that your provincial taxes won't automatically go up when the federal taxes increase.
- The Alberta Government will also raise personal exemptions to \$11,600. With that move, an additional 80,000 low-income Albertans will no longer pay provincial taxes. All in all, Alberta's new tax package will save low-income Albertans up to 132%, middle-income earners 18%, and high-income Albertans 9%.

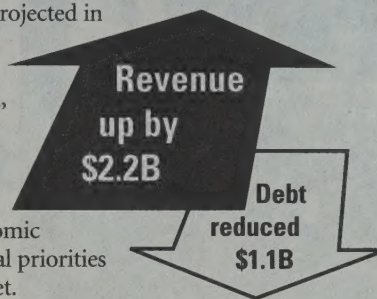
Second Quarter results show Alberta's fiscal plan paying off

With provincial revenues beyond what was projected in Budget 99, the Alberta Government has been able to fast-track its fiscal plan, addressing spending priorities to the tune of \$1.4 billion, accelerating the tax plan by a full year, and more than doubling the debt payment to \$1.1 billion.

The additional revenue, plus the initial economic cushion, allowed the province to address fiscal priorities beyond those priorities outlined in the budget.

With priority program needs addressed and tax reductions in place, the province is left with \$1.445 billion as an economic cushion. Of this \$1.1 billion will go to the province's debt and about \$200 million will be used to increase the province's financial assets. The remaining \$80 million could be used to address issues that arise in the third and fourth quarter.

Also, the government will put \$27 million towards accelerating the elimination of the 8% deficit elimination surtax to January 1, 2000, and will move the entire new tax plan ahead a year to January 1, 2001.



Second Quarter results show Alberta staying ahead

The second quarter fiscal update released by the Alberta Government on November 29th, shows excellent progress on debt payment. In June 1999, the province celebrated the elimination of its \$8.3 billion net debt – about ten years ahead of schedule. By law the remaining debt of \$14 billion must be paid off in 25 years or less.

By March 31, 2000, the province will pay off another \$1.1 billion of the debt. That's more than double the amount estimated in Budget 99, which was released in March 1999. This kind of progress lends greater strength to the already strong and healthy Alberta economy that Albertans have built.

It means interest costs go down and the money saved in interest can be used more productively. It means that Alberta's nation-leading credit rating gets even better, so the cost of borrowing money in the future is lower. In combination with the new tax system, it gives people and their businesses good reasons to move here from across Canada and around the world. And they do. Between July 1998 and July 1999 almost 60,000 people moved to Alberta.

All these factors have a positive effect on the economy, which forecasters expect will grow 2.3% this year and 3.7% in 2000.

Keeping ahead of growth

It's great for the economy when 60,000 people move to your province. But it's tough on hospitals, schools and roads. So, the Government of Alberta has committed extra cash to take the pressure off.

- \$425 million – transportation infrastructure within municipalities
- \$232 million – emergency support to farmers
- \$216 million – health authorities
- \$151 million – school boards
- \$135 million – fighting forest fires
- \$70 million – health facilities and long-term care facilities
- \$54 million – settlement of sterilization claims
- \$38 million – infrastructure support to post-secondary institutions

- \$37 million – child and family services authorities and Child Welfare and Handicapped Children's Services
- \$27 million – other health initiatives
- \$21 million – other infrastructure projects including: upgrading of seniors' lodges; irrigation; advanced medical equipment; and Healthy Aging Partnership Initiative
- \$16 million – elimination of funding caps for students with severe emotional behavioral disabilities and those studying English as a second language
- \$16 million – Municipal Water and Wastewater Grants program
- \$10 million – construction and upgrade of water infrastructure and small water projects
- \$4 million – monthly rather than quarterly payments to school boards from the School Foundation Fund

\$1.4B more spent on Alberta's priorities

On the up and up

Oil prices have risen dramatically. Oil has jumped from \$10 US a barrel last Christmas to over \$25 US a barrel in October and November this year. In addition, reduced US supplies and a sweltering summer in eastern North America helped push up natural gas prices this summer.

This means that the province will earn almost \$4 billion from the energy sector this year. That's almost \$1.5 billion more than was expected at budget time.

Climbing out of debt

By March 31, 2000 \$9.4 billion of the debt will be paid back, leaving \$13 billion to tackle in coming years.



\$14 billion accumulated debt

\$8.3 billion net debt

Did you know?

- So far this year, almost 45,000 jobs have been created in Alberta.
- Albertans' wages and salaries were up 3.1% from January 1999 to July 1999.

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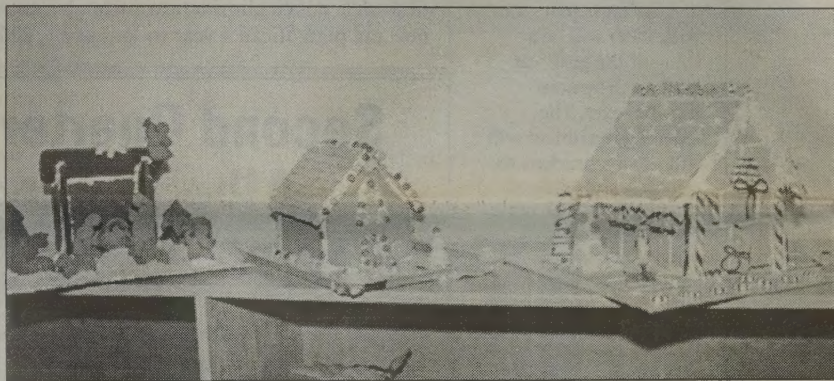
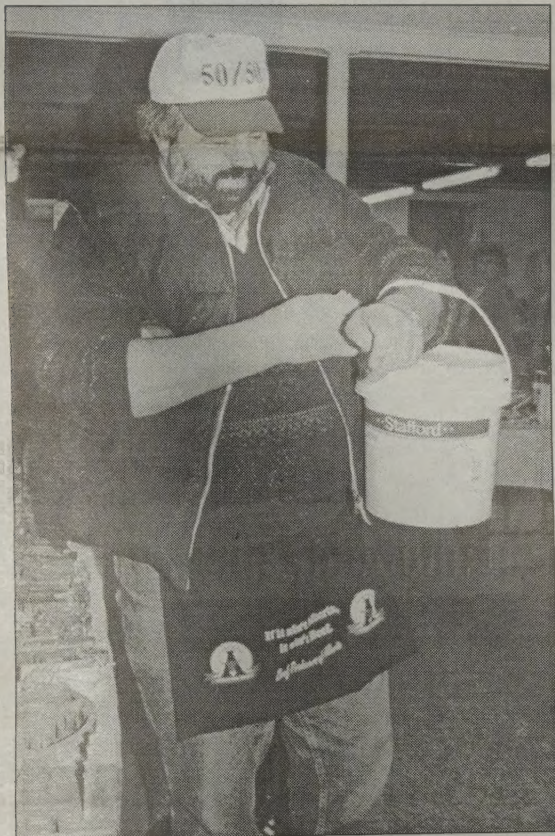
Extravaganza fun for everyone!!



"WHO'S YOUR DADDY" sings about their "Sweet Home Alberta" to a group of enthusiastic young fans who kept coming back to the stage for every set during Extravaganza evening.

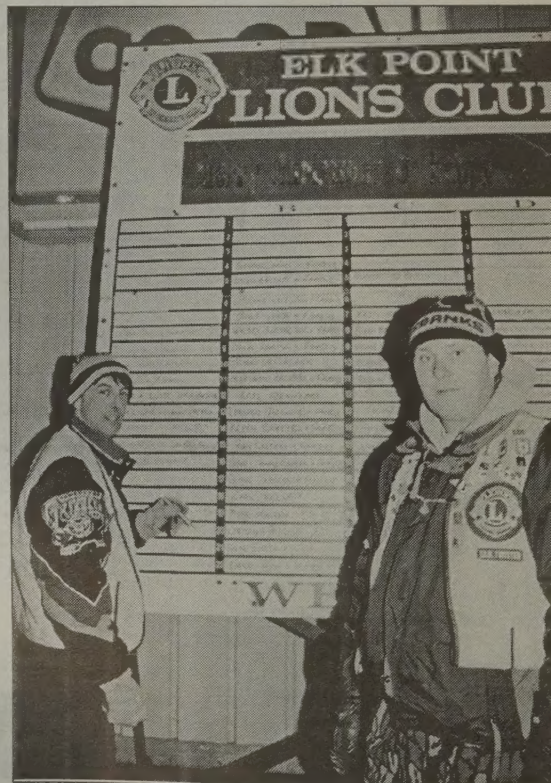


TOO OLD FOR SANTA? Not this crew, who may well have asked for goals at the next hockey game, good marks on pre-Christmas exams or the latest CD or video game in their stockings come Christmas morning -- or they may have been asking to borrow his sleigh for a fast spin around town.



FIRE VICTIM FUNDRAISER -- Ray Danyluk spent Extravaganza evening selling miles of 50-50 tickets and helped Lion Russ Hebblethwaite oversee the draw, made by Victor Stepa.

HANDSOME HOUSES at the Gingerbread House Contest were constructed by (right to left) Ashley and Terry Hebblethwaite, Jeffrey Huseby and Amy Ockerman and family.



GIANT CHRISTMAS CARD -- Elk Point Lions Club members Mike Macdonald and George Hahn presided over the community Christmas card with proceeds going to the Lioness Santa Anonymous project.



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what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

Best of Christmases past on display at the library

By Daphne Schnur
Librarian

We have a special display of Christmas cards from days gone by, compliments of Steve Andrichak. Some of them dating back to the early 1900s, they really are tremendous so stop in and browse. A big thank you to Steve for sharing these awesome cards with us.

Getting stressed out over Christmas? Why not let the library help? We have many titles with great ideas for gift giving or maybe a new recipe. For example, Martha Stewart's Christmas magazine, Living or Company's Coming Christmas ideas and recipes.

Be sure to stop in and take part in our Christmas trivia contest. I

have two superb Christmas titles for prizes. Once again, those brain teasing questions are:

Christmas Trivia

1. The poinsettia originally grew in which country?
2. The real St. Nicholas lived in which country?
3. Name the three kings.
4. The first instrument on

which the carol "Silent Night" was played was?

5. Electric Christmas lights were first used in what year?

6. The poem entitled "The Night Before Christmas" was originally titled what?

7. Good King Wenceslas was king of what country?

8. Name Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dickens'

"A Christmas Carol."

9. Which two states have a town named Santa Claus?

10. In North America, children put out stockings at Christmas. What did their Dutch counterparts use?

This week we have some new paperbacks and would you believe, gardening books? So when the weather starts to remind us it really is

winter, be prepared and have a great new book handy.

Also don't forget our snowman contest. First one to build the Library a snowman receives a special prize.

Library Calendar

Christmas Story Time - December 17 at 10:30 a.m.
Seniors Tea - January 2000

Rapid technology sets back Board's WAN plans

The St. Paul School District has narrowed down the proposals for installing a wide area network (WAN) to three companies, but now there is a snag.

Secretary Treasurer Jean Champagne told the board at last week's meeting that they have the grant to build the initial system, but they are questioning what will happen when the system needs an upgrade in three to four years.

The WAN will provide efficient Internet services and an effective internal

communication system to all of the schools in the local district, including the rural schools.

Champagne suggested that the board consider entering into a partnership with a private corporation that wants to provide a similar service to customers in the same region.

"If we join with a private company, they will have their customers which will mean we'll need wider bandwidth and bigger towers. This could affect the proposals," said Champagne.

The WAN committee were meeting again to rethink the board's direction.

The St. Paul district received a grant totaling almost \$700,000 in August towards building the WAN system.

A committee will be set up to think of ideas that will help improve the communication and information flow from the schools to parents, trustees, taxpayers, the public in general and students.

The committee will consist of trustees, school council reps, the ATA, staff and central office.

The 1998-99 audited financial statement for the division was presented briefly. Total expenditures for last year were \$27,604,925. The instruction block ran a deficit of \$181,105, but this was offset by a surplus in the support block for a bottom line surplus of \$183,978.

As for the 1999-2000 budget, the situation does not look as hopeful. Because of 132 less students in the jurisdiction as

of Sept. 30, 1999, on which enrollment the budget is based, it is a reality that the deficit for the 1999-2000 fiscal year is real and significant.

A \$160,000 operational deficit was initially projected and the decreased enrollment will lower jurisdiction revenues by an estimated \$500,000. In September, some staff moves and reductions were indicated where fea-

sible, but the board questions how a staff reduction, for example, be executed in a school with 48 students in Grade 5 if the enrollment in that grouping dropped by eight students?

In many situations staff was hired for split grading, but to add a third grade to existing groupings in educationally not sound.

Trustees are also reviewing how to best allo-

cate the one-time debt reduction support received by the province for the 1998-99 year. It is expected that a portion will be allocated to meet current needs and the remainder will be set aside to deal with the projected current year shortfall.

Pioneer Circle bingo

December 6, 1999

Annie Shaw \$30, Olga Melnyk \$30, William Dion \$30, Anton Zarowny \$30, Melvin McGinnis \$30, Lil Radesh \$30, Dina Leaf \$30, Viola Yarmuch \$15, Viola Belland \$15, Mildred Boyko \$30, Lynne Boyko \$30, Mary Bepalko \$30, Kathy Zarowny \$30, Mary Vogel \$30, Debbie Orr \$30, Lena Cap \$30, Mary Prusak \$16, Olga Bayrock \$26, Melvin McGinnis \$42, Debbie Orr \$25, Katie Charchun \$25, Kay Wozniak \$65, Sam Barstad \$20, Donna Bodurka \$20, Annie Shaw \$20, Mary Vogel \$40.

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Sunday School for All Ages - 11:15 a.m.
Call Church answering service for current programs and times.
Elk Point Christian Community Church
Rev. Sam Donaldson - 724-2493.
Railway Avenue and 53 St.
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.; Office hours - Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 noon

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 12 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park
Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.
1st 3 Sundays of the month

St. Vladimirs' Ukrainian Orthodox Church Elk Point
For service times, call 645-5156, St. Paul or 724-4351, Elk Point.

United Church of Canada
4822 - 50 Ave., Elk Point
Rev. Jope Langejans - 724-3616
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"Mother to Mother" Breastfeeding Support Group - meets 4th Monday of every month, 10 a.m. Call 724-3332 for more info. Expectant mothers and older siblings welcome.

Elk Point Parent Nursery - Every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to Noon, Elk Point United Church Hall. Children under 6 and parents welcome. For more info, call Brenda Hayman, 724-3192 or Erin Mohyluk, 741-2140.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., FCSS Office, Elk Point.

"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724-3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith, 724-2527.

Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380, 724-3800 or 645-1950

Adoption Support Krew - meets the 2nd Mon. of every month at Social Services Bldg., St. Paul from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.. For more info call 724-3031.

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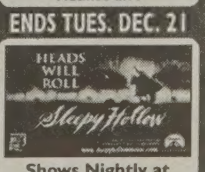
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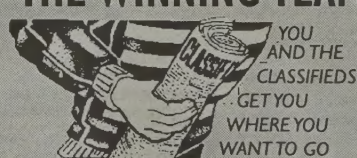
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Storm hosts a barn burner of a tournament

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

Shootouts are exciting for everyone, everyone except the goalies. Goalies can play great all game, then it comes down to this: lose a great game in a shootout, but if you win in a shootout, like the Storm did in not just one but two of their

games, there's no better high.

It was a barn burner, the first tournament of the season in the Dome, the Midget Girls Storm hosting with teams coming from Hardisty, Dewberry and Vermilion, and three games went into shootouts.

"I want a goal for Christmas," Jennifer

Kalynchuk told Santa on Friday night at Extravaganza, and she got her wish on Saturday in the goal against Hardisty. With two goals by Ashley Hebblethwaite, and Jennifer getting a single, the game ended in regulation time in a three-all tie. Five shooters were chosen, Kali Cousins, Alyssa Fry and Ashley Hebblethwaite scored in the shootout, the Storm winning.

Sunday against Vermilion it was a repeat of Saturday's game, this one ending in a one-all tie, Natalie Peters scoring, but the Storm were lucky to end regulation time with a tie, Kali Cousins, Alyssa Fry and Natalie Peters were on the ice for the whole two minutes at one point in the third period, when they had to kill off a two man penalty. Just for the record, Jena Bassett has had only one penalty in the last four games. Team captain Megan Tucker was the hero in the overtime shootout, scoring twice for the Storm, but the number one star in my books would have to be Joanne "JoJo" deMoissac, who stood on her head facing 49 shots, then shut the door in OT.

Dewberry eventually won the tournament over Vermilion, but the Storm played great, and if the Storm can skate with Vermilion and Dewberry, two of the strongest

teams in our zone, then there's no reason in the world why they can't compete in the Provincials they will be hosting here come March.

Storm will host Female Midget Provincials

That's right, just when you thought that there's no way, here we go again. The Storm just got news earlier this past week that they had been chosen as the site of the 2000 Female Midget Provincials on March 11 and 12.

Friday night with all the other activities going on in town it was obvious that the Thunder didn't really want to go and play hockey, when they travelled to Bonnyville losing 6 to 4, to a team that they know they can beat easily, Kenny Nixon getting his first goal of the season.

This coming Friday, right here in the Dome, the Thunder will have a rematch with the same team. Let's hope the boys can get their heads into this one.

The Bantam Colts took two games on the chin on the weekend, losing to Wainwright before a home crowd 5 to 1 on Friday night, then 5 to 2 on Sunday to Lac La Biche.

On Saturday, the Peewee Girls Cyclones hosted Irma, losing a tight one 2 to 1, Tawny

Lacombe scoring her first goal.

The flu bug has hit the Tornados team, so only 10 players were able to make the trip to Bonnyville early Saturday morning where they played one of the closest games of the last two seasons, winning 5 to 4. Harrison Maas with a hat trick, Brendon Bishop with a single, and Jordyn Wozniak getting the winner with just over a minute on the clock. Quillan Lowery with some big saves in the dying minutes. Next week the Tornados host Vermilion at home Saturday morning.

It was an all-round good team effort for the Novice Hurricanes who were in Marwayne in a tournament. Up from the farm team this week, Dylan Loughran and Harrison Maas getting the call. The Hurricanes defeated Kitscoty on Saturday then lost out to Mannville 5 to 4 on Sunday. This was the second time this season that Mannville has knocked out the Hurricanes in a good close game. Next Friday they play in Kitscoty.

Last weekend the Novice Hurricanes had the weekend off to do some Christmas shopping, and this past weekend it was the Atom Avalanche's turn to shut it down for the weekend.

Around the league

there's very few places that still have natural ice, but when the Peewee Avalanche travelled to Goodsoil, SK to play Pierceland on Saturday they were playing on natural ice and it took time for the Avalanche to adjust, but they came home with two points in one of their better games of the season, Zachary MacKinnon, Darcy Ockerman and Jesse Kozicky with two each, Lee Letestu, Brandon Holthe, Nicky Myshaniuk and team captain Jason Kalynchuk all with singles in a 10 to 5 win.

On Sunday the Avalanche chalked up another win, defeating Lloydminster 7 to 4. David Ramful opened the scoring, then two from Lee Letestu, and singles added by Zack MacKinnon, Jesse Kozicky, Jason Kalynchuk and Corry Bezpalko. Big defenceman Greg Kozicky and second year veteran Brandon Holthe handed out some heavy hits on the blueline. The Peewee Avalanche are on a roll, winning five games in a row, after the weekend.

When we were kids, lots of places had natural ice and in between periods the home team would have to clean the ice with big wide scrapers, push it up into a pile and shovel it out a window. How do you think today's generation would react if we asked them to shovel off the ice? I better not go there!



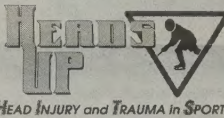
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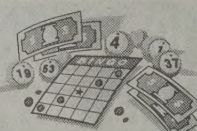
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Overtime tie for Elks and Vermilion

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The teams appeared very well matched as they kept each other at bay for almost 17 minutes of the first period, with

only one penalty to mar the action. The Elks finally lit up the scoreboard with 3:06 remaining, Danny Flett hitting the mark off assists by Layton Gray and Roger Wilkins. Vermilion redoubled their efforts and managed to tie it up in the dying seconds of the period, assistant captain

Gregg Wilson assisted by Chris Miller and Tim Konieczny on the goal.

Vermilion took the lead four minutes into the second period, Ken Eglauer assisted by Jason Ferbey and Rob Brown, and held it for over half a period. Tyson Stafford made it 2-all with 3:34 left before the buzzer, assisted by Roger Wilkins. This was the liveliest period of the game, with 11 penalties assessed, four of them from an incident just before the Elks goal.

Vermilion grabbed the lead again 53 seconds into the final period, Trent Waltz assisted by Rob Brown, with Elk Point returning the favor just over five minutes later, Ted Generoux assisted by Kerry Loughran and Willie Lesyk. The Elks took the lead with five

minutes left in the game, Loughran scoring off Generoux, but Waltz tied it up for Vermilion with just nine seconds left, assisted by captain Chance Hinton.

The game went into overtime, but the goalies were on the ball and the score remained 4-all at the final buzzer.

Vermilion sits second in the SaskAlta league, one point behind Kitscoty, while Elk Point is in third place. Ted Generoux is tied for second in the players' point race with Kitscoty's Daniel Peregrin, and Tyson Stafford and Kerry Loughran also hold spots in the top ten.

The Elks visit Dewberry this Friday night at 8:30 and are at home to Onion Lake on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.



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